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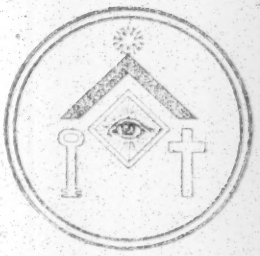
Behold, I give  unto thee a key.

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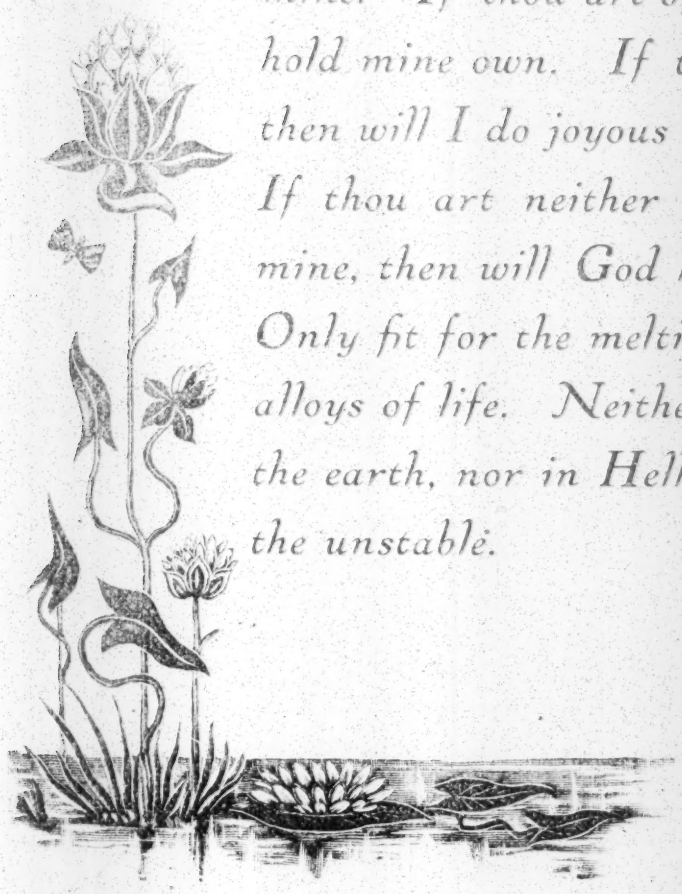

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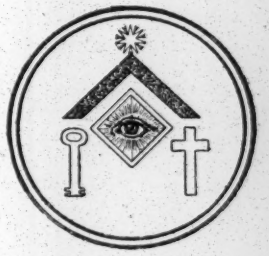
Behold, I give  unto thee a key.

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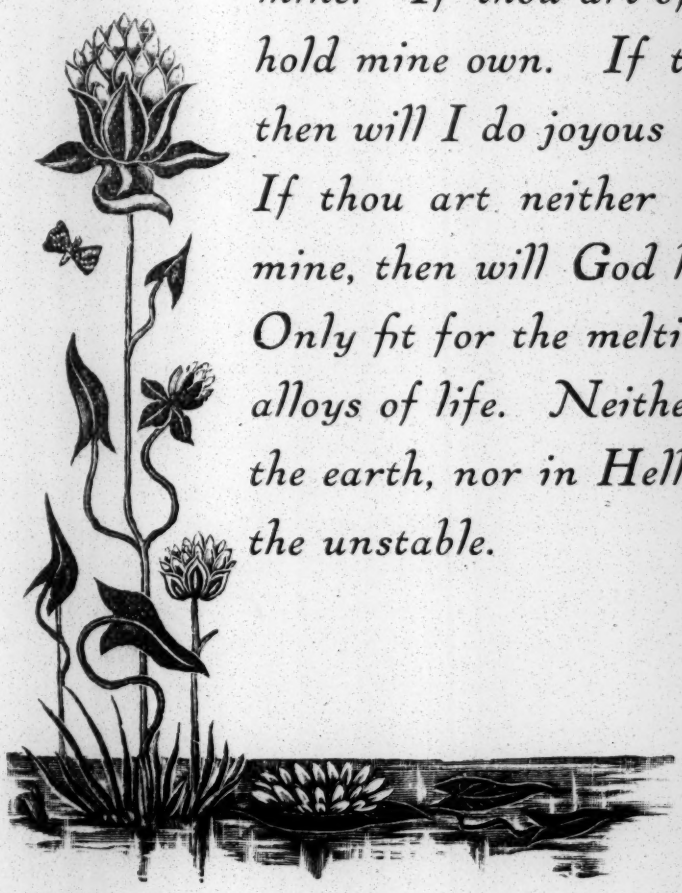

THE CROSS OF BALANCE.

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You would have no condemnation for a man who could not raise a paralyzed arm to protect himself, or for the mentally overbalanced man who was unable to give the right valuation to words spoken in warning, so why be impatient with or condemn the psychically paralyzed or overbalanced who wilfully deride or ignore those symbolic messages which the rapid vibratory action of modern life has drawn forth from inner spheres or the messages which the Elder Brothers in anguish of soul are forced to deliver by action of the higher law: why turn into ridicule the words of the man who listens and heeds, but who misinterprets or misrepresents those messages because the psychic centres of his brain have been unduly under-developed or over-developed, in other words one whose senses, psychic and physical, are not perfectly correlated, or balanced and consequently who sees or hears all psychic phenomena from an exaggerated point of view?

The perfectly balanced man or woman is an anomaly in the present age and if you are at all acquainted with yourselves you will know that the same is as true of yourselves as it is of your neighbor; it is only a matter of degree. The lack of balance is due to diseased or abnormal organs of sense.

By even limited observation you cannot fail to see that there are a large class of people who impatiently reject, deride and ridicule, or who become wildly excited over prophecies of coming events and try to frighten all they come in contact with into accepting their views of the events foreshadowed. All of this class lose the advantages to be gained by calm introspection and analysis of past events and present indications. Sacred and profane history is full of accounts of the climaxes in national and world-wide affairs, which cyclic law has brought upon this planet repeatedly at set periods of time. The repetition of such climaxes at the exact time of the closing of definite periods of time surely supply some basis for the belief that corresponding climaxes must occur at the expiration of like periods of time in the future, and therefore give a reasonable basis for a fair and unbiased examination of such messages as I have mentioned, no matter how unreasonable or overdrawn they may appear to be at first sight and hearing, as well as furnish clues to the right interpretation of the same.

Nature does not work by tremendous jumps from one state

of life to another. True growth is slow growth, and the character of great crises or climaxes in the past is a good criterion for judging the character of those to come.

The closing of a cycle in which one large continent was cast into the depths of an ocean and a new one was upheaved brings to mind the magnitude of the calamity prophesied to occur at the close of another cycle of the same length of time. Knowledge of the great law of opposites would indicate the character of such calamity, as for instance, a calamity occurring by *water* at one closing cycle would give assurance of a corresponding calamity by *fire* at the close of another period of the same length. By a knowledge of symbolism and the law of cycles, every event, of individual, national or world wide import, material or spiritual, may be safely predicted and consequently may be prepared for.

The law of all laws—the law of balance, equilibrium—is of all spiritual, as well as of physical laws, the most important. It is irrevokable and all wise; upon it rests the stability of all life in manifestation. It is the primal cause and the final effect of the law of opposites, the law governing sex, and all forces in opposition. Without its action there could be neither spiritual, psychic nor material life in form.

The cross of balance represents the consummation, the efflorescence, the final unity of all diversified life; as for instance, the disappearance of sex into sexlessness, the victory of the human soul over all that has impeded its evolution. When a full realization of all that may be represented by the symbol of the cross of balance dawns upon the image making center of the mentality of normal man, a connection is made between that center and the center of the brain through which the divine power of intuition manifests, and the purpose, mode of motion, and incalculable importance of the action of the hitherto confused idea as to the necessity of the law of opposites become clarified.

As a general thing it is at such a moment in the life experience of a man that a realization comes to him of the absolute necessity of attaining to a point of development where he cannot be swayed by the opinions, experience or desires of any other being, human or spiritual; the necessity of forming a decided plan or object in life, and refusing to be turned from or swayed against it. At a later period he will learn that there is another equally important point of attainment to be gained, without which the first mentioned may become a lasting curse instead of the blessing it is intended to be according to divine purpose.

To you, my children, you, who are of my own essence, I say again and yet again, labor with a whole heart for the attainment of the power of balance,—never forgetting that there can be no rise which does not spring from a level beneath, and that the level beneath holds in itself the energy, the impulse, to rise. Take advantage of that energy each time a lower level is struck instead of permitting yourselves to sink lower down, and there will be for you higher and higher points of attainment to be reached. The cross of balance will become the crown of all knowledge and power when the balance is struck, the last point of attainment won and *held*.

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Temple Builders—No. 126

THE BEGINNING.

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The beginning of things is one of the most interesting subjects that can be considered. Especially is it important for children who are in the beginning of their lives.

When we know how anything begins we understand more about it in every way.

Boys know this and always think of it if there is any trouble among themselves. They try to find how it began, and will not be satisfied with any judgment that does not take the beginning into account.

Girls know this, too, but are more apt to forget about it when troubles arise among themselves, and so they find themselves more tangled in their difficulties with one another because they forget this important point.

Everything has a beginning. The tree began its life in the tiny seed. The mountain had its beginning in a grain of sand. The bird first found its form within the egg. The ocean grew from a drop of water. Sun, moon, stars and earth came from a seed of spirit-fire sent forth from the heart of God.

So In the whole course of life, every experience we pass through can be explained, can be better understood by tracing it to its beginning.

A happy day comes from a bright smile, a cheerful word to the first person we greet upon rising. A successful life grows out of a well-ordered youth. A quarrel arises from selfish desire

to hold something for ourselves. Mastery has its source in unselfish service to others.

Tremendous desires, wondrous longings, determined efforts, are the beginnings of some of the powerful achievements we see around us. The enormous stones of the great pyramids were drawn and placed one upon another by will, energy, determination of mind, and hand, and heart.

All that we see or know can be traced to a beginning, high or low, false or true, seen or hidden.

Rocks, flowers, insects, stars, lives, thoughts and deeds, all have a beginning for us to find and study.

God alone keeps eluding us, escaping our discovery, in order that we may ever seek higher and higher, farther and farther, deeper and deeper, for that which is holy, beautiful, true and noble.

And in every walk and stage of life can this be done. In our games of hide and seek we can search for the honor, strength and accomplishments in our companion while we are looking for his hiding place. And when we find that honor we can hold it high while we run back fast to our own base, lest it be lost before we return.

While we are boys and girls the beginning of things lies nearest to us, is easiest for us to understand, is simplest for us to direct in new ways into new channels of thought and effort.

So let us start out at once to make a new beginning, to sow a new seed of Loving Kindness throughout the world that shall grow into a tree whose spreading hands shall invite all who pass to rest under its shade.

Down into the damp cold earth of uncharitableness we will have to plant it, deep down in the darkness of selfishness and hate, but we will not be troubled, for we will know that within the seed itself is the warmth, strength and joy of life that is necessary to make it grow, and though we may never see the tree ourselves we will know that we have made a beginning and that under it may rest sometime the Christ, Himself, who shall bless all mankind with the sweetness of His love.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

Peace or War.

This matter of national defense is going to be one of the most difficult questions that the American people have had to deal with.

Whether to stand unarmed and trust to moral suasion and international integrity to keep off disastrous wars; whether to half-arm, and continue a national bluff at an army and navy; or whether to wholly arm and put the country on a war basis—which?

At the present time we take the second course, while paying for the third one, and making claims to the first. But can this situation continue? In the rapid narrowing of the Atlantic by fast cruisers, submarines, airships, and no one knows what presently, and in the present state of international rage and ferocity the U. S. is no longer so much isolated from this war as is Switzerland or Spain. The U. S. government may make a slip at any minute, and it will be a wonder if it does not.

Let us consider the present situation. The American people pay for an enormous army of magnificent efficiency. They get for that price absolutely no army at all. Ninety millions of dollars buys ninety thousand men. It is a prodigious price if the men were an army, but they are not. What are they?

Owing to political influence these ninety thousand men are scattered around all over the country in dreadfully expensive posts where the possibility of their ever all getting together and having real battalion, corps, and army maneuvers is impossible. Therefore no American colonel, or general really knows what actual battalion drill looks like, much less what it is like to have to handle a whole army operating as a unit. Of course every congressman knows this, but he will not vote away the idiotic army post for fear of losing local votes at the next election. Such is patriotism at Washington.

We pay for a Russian or a German army. We get nothing. We pay cash to be the strongest military power on earth. We are the weakest. We pay collectively for a product that individually we would scorn to pay for. And there is the rub. America is wonderful in individual accomplishment; childish in communal accomplishment.

Let us look at little Switzerland. For seven millions a year Switzerland in three days can mobilize a quarter of a million thoroughly armed and trained men; in two weeks she can mobilize half a million. In three days the U. S. couln't mobilize a mule, and it would take us two years to mobilize half a million men on a properly trained basis. Observe then,—*seven* millions pays Mr. Schweitz for five hundred thousand men fully mobilizable, *ninety* millions pays Uncle Sam for a few rough riders and a great political graft. SYDNEY HILLYARD.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

Warriors of Light, in the Eternal Warfare.

"All the great epics, all the records, whether written upon parchment and piled away in the archives of ruined, deserted temples, or graven on the walls of subterranean chambers of Initiation, bear witness to the great wars—war between angels and demons, war between elements, and war between spirit and matter; unceasing, exterminating, eternal war."—*Beacon Fires.*

"And whether he will or nay, man must take part in this warfare, must take sides and fight to the bitter end in each of his incarnations."—*Beacon Fires.*

"If he is inclined to shirk, he gains nothing; for Nature herself will force him to a bare fight for existence on the physical plane."—*Beacon Fires.*

There is no inactivity, no cowardice, no selfishness, in the nature of the Warrior; there is only the great desire that he may win, with the certain knowledge that he cannot fail."—*Beacon Fires.*

If then all warfare is an index of spiritual progression, the correspondence must obtain between man and man and nation and nations at war.

Boiled down and digested, it must mean the eternal warfare between growth and non-growth, between light and darkness, between action and inaction, between motion and rest, progress and inertia—in short, between spirit and matter, or evolution and stagnation.

Every man and woman occupies some place in or degree in the Great Universal Lodge of Life. So when great spiritual and

moral issues are fought out on whatsoever plane each one finds his forces going to the side on which his natural sympathies belong because of his position in the evolutionary scale. That is, if it is an issue say of good and evil, the evil in his aligns itself with the Great Disintegrator and the good with the Warriors of Light.

Thus often are people torn between two forces as the sheep and goats of their natures are separated when great issues are precipitated in the world,—in the life of nations and the world.

If the good predominates we go bodily with the right side, if the evil we go to the dark and negative side. *We are what we have become* by conquering or being conquered by negative forces. As good is Infinite and evil is finite, there is no question as to what side will win in the Great Evolutionary battle of life.

W. H. D.

THEOGENESIS.

Commentaries on the Nine Stanzas of Dzyan Given by the Master Morya to the Temple of the People for the New Humanity.

Stanza III. Third Sloka.

"The beasts of the field and birds of the air will meet and part in peace, and both shall feed on the purple grain, the gift direct of the Gods. All growths of the under crust of the Wheel shall be henceforth forbidden, and man shall live by the power of his Will in place of coarser foods."

COMMENTARY (Continued).

It has been previously noted that H. P. Blavatsky referred to many missing (withheld) slokas of the section of the Stanzas given to her by the Masters, and we have good reason for believing that the first four of this—the second section of the Stanzas, contain some of those missing slokas, as they are entirely concerned with the generation and evolution of the first four root races.

No mention is made in the second section of the location of the first two races. This can be better understood when it is seen that there was no solid earth, as we understand the term. The primordial substance which formed the first two continents was then in a semi-material or fluidic state and was not condensed

and hardened until near the time for the third root race to reincarnate.

The bodies of the men of the first two races were of tenuous, semi-transparent, translucent states of substance. The third race did not possess solid bodies like our own until about the turning point of the Kalpa in which they lived, at which time tremendous changes took place in the constitution of matter.

It must be understood that the first three Stanzas were concerned with the generation and evolution of the substance—matter of but one planet of this solar system, the planet we term our earth. Naturally all available data concerning human life on this planet is of far more importance to us at this time than is anything which may have occurred on other planets of the system, even though we may feel assured that we are some time to live on those other planets, if we have not already done so.

The secret teachings inform us that the continent of Lemuria was the third one to appear on "the surface of the waters" and was the first solid land. The first continent, Meru, often referred to as the Land of the Gods, was situated at the North Pole. Only the Initiates of the Great White Lodge could adequately describe the constituents of this continent, but possibly one gifted with a vivid imagination and some knowledge of the law of correspondence could conceive an ideal which would approach the reality.

The present crude and coarse manifestations of the four kingdoms of nature furnish but little to the materialist in the line of comparison between the habitat of the second race and that of the present one; but the psychic who is familiar with the phenomena of the astral plane may form a fairly good concept of the environment of the first two races. It was similar in character to the tenuous, elastic, changeable, semi-translucent substance of some of the higher sub-planes of the astral plane.

The first race was located on the continent of Meru and, according to the secret teachings, it was beautiful beyond words. It was the Sacred Island, the Island of the Gods, and is believed to be the place whereon the Gods—Divine Beings—descended and dwelt with man.

The home of the second race is said to have been a continent which girdled the earth between the Arctic Circle and the 80th parallel and was fully as beautiful and desirable a land in every way as the first continent. It will doubtless be remembered by our readers that it was a common belief among the Ancients that

the shifting of the earth's axis at four different periods of this present great age was responsible for the vast changes which have taken place in the conformation of the earth. Modern science now teaches that the frozen conditions obtaining at both the Arctic and Antarctic poles are the effects of such shiftings of the axis of the earth.

Some modern investigators along geological lines of research now claim that the second race was located at the Antarctic and have found what seems to them to be sufficient evidence to warrant their belief; but there is much to be said by the Occultist to warrant the conviction that the commentator on the Secret Doctrine, H. P. Blavatsky, was right in her interpretation of the Stanzas and other ancient writings which described the second race and its location at a point south of the Arctic circle. We will take up the subject of the Antarctic in a later commentary.

The first races were mindless, as far as the sense in which we use the term "mind" is concerned. They had only the instincts of lower mind which subsequently appeared in the animal races, yet they were human beings. If we can accept the ancient teachings as given by the Masters, it will not be difficult to understand the quandary of present day science in relation to "the missing link." As the animal races did not come into existence until after the appearance of man and as the men of the second root race had no solid, material bodies, no remains, no link, can now be found to bridge the gap between the human and animal kingdoms or between the second and third races. While Darwin claimed to have discovered such a link in the anthropoids, the Masters have declared that the anthropoids were themselves the product of the relations which were indulged in between the mindless races of man and some of the great antideluvian she monsters of the same period. The sin which caused the destruction of the third root race was the result of a similar relation between the men of that period and the anthropoid race which their progenitors had created. This subject has been remarkably well treated in the commentaries of the Secret Doctrine.

The fourth and fifth Stanzas of the second section are concerned entirely with the various races and sub-races of the fourth root race and the first sub-races of the fifth root race. Here again occur signs of many of the withheld slokas; but taken in connection with the exceedingly valuable data to be found in the Secret Doctrine concerning these races, they throw much light upon the existence of the same.

It may be well here to call attention to two very important facts, and in order to do so we will quote a few passages of the Secret Doctrine in relation to the same. The first is the apparent contradiction of previously made statements relating to the destruction of all life on this globe by fire and water alternately. The word "deluge" frequently occurs in relation to such destruction in various accounts of the end of the different ages, when, according to the said statements, fire must have been the medium of destruction in many instances.

The second and most important fact is the plain and explicit statement relating to the appearance of a Savior or Avatar in the future. Many students have vigorously denied the possibility of such an event.

The following are the quotations:

1st. "In the symbolism of every nation 'the deluge' stands for chaotic, unsettled matter—chaos itself. Water stands for the Feminine Principle." Vol. II, Page 327.

2nd. "Alone the handful of those elect whose Divine Instructors had gone to inhabit that Sacred Island . . . *from whence the last Savior will come*, now kept mankind from becoming one-half the exterminator of the other." Vol. 11, Page 365.

There is such a diversity of opinion concerning the appearance of another Avatar upon the earth and the teachings of the Temple are so explicit on this point that all corroborative data on the subject is most important at this time. Every race has had its Divine Instructor or Savior, and the fifth race will be no exception. B. S.

OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS.

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The Hierarchies, Celestial and Terrestrial.

By the hierarchies we mean primarily, the SEVEN RAYS that Emanate from The Absolute, from ABSOLUTE BEING, and which when so emanated create at once, what we call a Manifestation of the Absolute IN SEPARATION, or a Universe, in the opposite of ABSOLUTE BEING, that is in differentiated or *relative* Being. These SEVEN RAYS are DIVINE ENTITIES and each of us, and everything, inanimate or inamate, in the Universe, belong to one or another of the Seven Hierarchial Beings.

In the first sentence of Genesis it says, "In the Beginning, God

created the Heavens and the earth." In the Hebrew the word which in our English Bibles is called "God" is designated as ELOHIM. *Elohim* means literally the DIVINE FORCES or BEINGS. So the first sentence of Genesis should be read as follows: "In the Beginning the Divine Forces or Beings, created the Heavens and the Earth." These Elohim or Divine Forces are the SEVEN HIERARCHIES, the subject of this lesson.

As said, each *Hierarchy* is an ENTITY, a BEING, a SELF CONSCIOUS CENTRE OF COSMICAL FORCE AND ENERGY functioning *parcicular* forces and qualities of the Absolute according to its nature.

Each one of these Hierarchies for instance correspond to and are identified with the Seven Colors, Sounds and so on. In our last lesson we pointed out how the Akasic Hierarchy called Uriel, was identified with various forces, parts and qualities. Were this Divine Being, Uriel, to cease functioning its particular force for a single second of time in the Cosmos, being the channel through which all its qualities flowed into manifestation from the Absolute Being, all forces, parts and qualities that Uriel ruled would be blotted out of manifestation. Thus as Uriel corresponds to the Higher Manas or Mentality, were this Great Entity to cease functioning, the Higher Mentality of the Cosmos, of all creatures, and all that corresponds thereto, would cease to exist. As it corresponds to Akasa and Sound, Akasa and Sound would cease to be. Also as it corresponds to the *ether* of space and of substance, Ether would cease to exist. The same with the other hierarchies. Water, for instance, is held in Manifestation because Its Regent so wills, it being a part of its Nature. Were that Regent or Hierarchial Lord to cease activity, water would disappear from the world and the cosmos. The same law obtains with fire, earth and all the elements. It is the DESIRE and WILL of the LORD OF EACH HIERARCHIAL RAY that keeps all the qualities of its nature manifestating. When the Great Seven Hierarchial Regents finish their work of creation, they are indrawn again into the Absolute and then ensues one of the Great Nights of Brahm as it is called—a period of *non-manifestation* lasting millions of years.

Each student should endeavor to find out to what particular Hierarchy he or she belongs which can be accomplished with proper study, interior and exterior. It is important to know this, for the Regent of the Hierarchial Ray to which any one of us belong is our *real fundamental Father-Mother,* from whom we derive all our qualities by SPIRITUAL HEREDITY. In future lessons

some help will be given as to how to acquire a real knowledge of one's Hierarchial Self and Centre of Consciousness.

W. H. D.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

Miss H. A. Farrar flitted through the aura of the Centre during the past month en route to the Panama Exposition. She will return later for her summer sojourn.

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